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found in the White Mountain region, but another alpine species, *S. rivularis*, occurs there. This is only one of several similar cases hard to account for, on a theory of a residual flora, as the regions are so near to each other and the conditions are so similar.

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*Secretary pro tem.*

### NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Elmer D. Merrill has resigned his position as assistant in charge of the agrostological collections of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in order to accept an appointment in the Philippines.

Dr. Valery Havard, Deputy Surgeon General of the United States Army, recently Chief Surgeon of the Division of Cuba, is now stationed at Ft. Monroe, Virginia.

Among the botanists visiting New York of late have been Professor F. A. F. C. Went, of Utrecht, Holland, Professor Conway MacMillan of the University of Minnesota, and Dr. Theodore Holm, of Washington, D. C.

The February number of the *Journal of Botany* announces the death of Mr. Alfred W. Bennett, one of the authors of Bennett and Murray's Cryptogamic Botany, and otherwise well known as a botanist.

Two new Memoirs of the Torrey Botanical Club were published in February. "The comparative Embryology of the Rubiaceae," by Francis Ernest Lloyd completes No. 1 (pp. 1-112; pl. 1-15) of Vol. 8; and "The Lejeuneae of the United States and Canada," by Alexander W. Evans, constitutes No. 2 (pp. 113-183; pl. 16-22) of the same volume. "The Life History of *Vittaria lineata*," by E. G. Britton and Alexandrina Taylor, completing Vol. 8, is soon to be published. The price of No. 1, separately, is \$1.75, of No. 2, \$1.00.